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OF THE METHOD"

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA - United States Patent No. 6,178,410 fb
AB - United States Patent No. 6,059,402
AC - United States Patent No. 5,940,103
AD - United States Patent No. 5,930,553
AE - United States Patent No. 5,929,884
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AN - European Application 0 956 962
AO - European Application 0 934 828
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AA' - United States Patent No. 4,196,625
AL' - European Application 0 825 564
AM' - European Application 0 782 053
AN' - European Application 0 720 916
AO' - German OS 199 00 686
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AQ' - German OS 198 38 913
AL'' - German OS 44 32 807
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EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

Reference AB corresponds to German PS 196 13 944, Reference AC corresponds to German PS 196 13 945, Reference AE corresponds to German PS 196 13 943, Reference AF corresponds to European Application 0 730 974 and Reference AA' corresponds to German OS 27 28 283, all of which were identified and discussed in the present specification, in addition to References AQ' and AM''.

All of the remaining references, or their respective foreign counterparts, were cited in a Search Report rendered by the German Patent and Trademark Office during examination of the corresponding German Application.

Translations of the non-English-Language references are not readily available to the applicants, however, for those references either an English-Language Abstract has been